

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of WYOMING - CONNECTING with GOD, EACH OTHER & the WORLD

December 10, 2017 - Second Sunday of Advent

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Welcome to Sanctuary Worship!

*We are so glad that you have joined us for worship today.
Please take a moment to let us know who you are in the Friendship Pad.
If you need a hearing-enhancement device, a large-print hymnal,
or a Children's Worship Kit, please see an usher.*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Please listen meditatively to the prelude to prepare yourself for worship.

PRELUDE 8 a.m.

Henry Limouze, piano

11 a.m. "Now Come, Savior of the Nations"

Diderik Buxtehude

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "For You, O Lord, My Soul In Stillness Waits"

Taizé

WE WORSHIP OUR GREAT GOD

***CALL to WORSHIP** *The Lighting of the Advent Candle*

Readers: 8 a.m.: Brian and Christine Bonner, 11 a.m.: The Udelhofen Family

Reader 1: We began Advent last Sunday by lighting the first candle, the candle of Hope. We light it again today to remind us that Christ is coming to fulfill God's promises.

Reader 2: Today we light the second candle, the candle of Peace. The prophet Isaiah said, "Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people" to a nation anxious about invasion and exile, as he foretold the coming of the Prince of Peace. Our world is still filled with violence and abuse, where families are torn apart by war, and children are used as soldiers. Isaiah's words continue to speak to us that Jesus will bring us to an everlasting peace.

Reader 1: Mary and Joseph found no room in the inn to give birth to Jesus, but we can heed John the Baptist's command to make room in our hearts. Wherever there is war or mistrust between peoples, families, or our own hearts, God is present and leading us to imagine new ways of living in peace.

Reader 2: Christ is our only hope, and our peace is found through Him. We light this candle to remind us of Jesus' life-giving peace to all who trust in Him. We light it in honor of those who live the Gospel truth that war does not make one great, the peace workers who risk much so that others may live free of fear.

Reader 1: Let us pray:

All: We're in trouble, Holy God. So many in the world do not know peace in their countries or in their hearts. We use weapons of steel and barbed words to wound one another. We seek balm for our restless hearts in things that only make us more wounded. Open our hearts to Jesus so we may have the peace of His holy presence and live it in our un-peaceful world. Save us from outside violence and inner turmoil. We need you. Come, peaceful God, come. Amen.

***HYMN 9** *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes,
on Sinai's height, in ancient times you gave the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. (Refrain)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save, and give them victory o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

***PRAYER of CONFESSION** *(unison)*

**Holy and loving God, we have dwelt in darkness and preferred it to the light;
we have been proud of our accomplishments and despaired over our shortcomings.
Smooth down the mountains of our pride, and lift up the valleys of our doubts.
Open a path in the wilderness of our lives that we might find our way to You again.
Refine us and prepare us once again for life in Your kingdom.
Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS** *Response: "Thanks Be to God"*

***GLORIA PATRI 579**

***PASSING of the PEACE of CHRIST**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM *"A Spotless Rose"*

Herbert Howells / John Spencer, baritone

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 1:1-8*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

***HYMN 12** *"People, Look East"*

(8 a.m., first/last verses; 11 a.m., all)

SERMON *"Prepare for Hope - Time to Get Going"*

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Now Come, Savior of the Nations"*

Paul Manz

***DOXOLOGY HYMN 592**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER of DEDICATION**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE MEAL *"Song of Peace"*

Jean Langlais

PRAYER OF BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN 13** *"Prepare the Way"*

(8 a.m., first/last verses; 11 a.m., all)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION** *"Prepare the Way of the Lord"*

Taizé

POSTLUDE *"Now Come, Savior of the Nations"*

J. S. Bach

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers today are given by Doug and Joyce Hutchens in loving memory of their parents David and Mary Hutchens, James and Lois Herbst and brother, Larry Hutchens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VALLEY CONCERT SERIES - TODAY!

Today at 4 p.m. The Valley Concert Series presents its annual Music for Advent and Christmas concert. This features the award-winning Chancel Choir and soloists with our new organist, Connie Dare Golden, on organ and piano. This year we will have a brass quintet and percussion to accompany the choir, organ and congregation in a carol sing-along arranged by Derek Holman. We finish with the annual singing of "Night of Silence" by Daniel Kantor, with the choir surrounding the audience and humming "Silent Night".

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

ALL YOUTH are invited to participate in this year's Christmas Pageant Sunday evening, **December 17th**. We will practice on the following dates:
Today, December 10- 10:05 a.m.-10:55 a.m.
Saturday, December 16- 10:05a.m.-10:55 a.m.
Sunday, December 17- 10:05 a.m.-10:55 a.m.
Contact Adam Hayden if you wish to participate. 812-430-4464 or ahayden@pcwyoming.org

THE OTHER SIDE OF CHRISTMAS - TODAY

For our Adult Education discussions in December, Pastors Lisa and Ed will be looking at some of the lesser known stories of the birth of Jesus and some different ways we can look at them today and connect them to some of the things taking place in our country and world. **Sundays through Dec. 17th at 10 a.m.** in the Founders' Room. Please join us!

THE SHARING TREE

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Sharing Tree this year. We are happy to report that all of the gift tags were claimed and gifts purchased! What a blessing to those children in need!

"She reaches out to the poor, opening her hands to those in need. She is unafraid of winter's effect on her household, because all of them are warmly clothed." *Proverbs 31:20-21*

JOURNEYING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS:

A BLUE CHRISTMAS LABYRINTH WALK

The Christmas and New Year holidays are considered to be a time of joy and festivity, and yet they can also be a time of sadness for those who have lost a loved one, a dream, a job, a home or have experienced other losses. Walking the labyrinth is an ancient tradition that offers time and space to pause for reflection and renewal. Join us on **Tuesday, December 12, at 7 p.m.** in the Great Room for a facilitated labyrinth walk with a focus on dealing with the grief that may come with the holiday season.

ADVENT DINNER - DEC 17th

Everyone's invited to an Advent Dinner in the Great Room on Sunday, **Dec. 17th, at 5:30 p.m.** We will eat together and hear from the PB&J Youth Orchestra. Then we will enjoy this year's Christmas Pageant in the Sanctuary! This event is FREE. Please invite a friend. :-)

NEW LISTENING ASSIST TECHNOLOGY

We have a new and improved listening assist system in the Sanctuary. Please let one of the Deacons know if you would like to try out the latest technology – we will get you fitted! Even if you use hearing assistance for everyday activities we will find the best match for you.

THE HEALING SPACE

We've added some new services:

Acupuncture - AromaTouch - BodyTalk - Brene Brown Workshops - Centering Prayer - Chiropractic - Drumming - Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing - Emotional Freedom Technique - Enneagram - Holistic Nursing - Integrative Nutrition - Hypnosis - Kundalini Yoga - Massage - Meditation - Mental Health Counseling - Reiki - Soul Collage - Spiritual Direction - Thai Yoga Bodywork - Yoga - Yoga Therapy
Contact us at: 513-832-0686,
www.thehealingspace.org

A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA!

Trying to figure out what to get a friend or loved one for Christmas? Consider giving the gift of retreat and renewal. Gift Certificates for \$95 for the PCW 2018 Women’s Retreat are located in the Gathering Area. This Gift Certificate covers the entire cost of the event, lodging and meals for the weekend. The retreat will take place at the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse (20 minutes away from PCW) on January 26-28, 2018. Over the three days we hope to be renewed by the Holy Spirit through individual and group experiences. Pastor Lisa will facilitate the retreat time with others, offering a variety of opportunities for rest and renewal. Pick a certificate up today and cross it off your list!

HOLIDAY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24th

Fourth Sunday of Advent - 10 a.m. Single unified service in the Sanctuary - Lessons and Carols.

Christmas Eve Services - 5:30 p.m. in the Great Room, and 11 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, December 31st

Single unified service - 10 a.m. in the Great Room.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Merrill Lynch has a new DTC # used in stock transfers to the church: **8862**. Please notify your financial advisers about this change at Merrill Lynch if you plan to transfer stock to the church in the future. Thank you.

A NEW SPACE FOR OUR KIDS

Come over to the extended Gathering Area and check out our new space for kids!

LAST CHANCE!



POINSETTIAS

Christmas Poinsettias

Please send your order with a check to the church no later than Mon., Dec. 11th. Make checks payable to: PCW Designate "Flower Fund Christmas"

I wish to order _____ red poinsettias, \$14/plant.

I wish to order _____ white poinsettias, \$14/plant.

Name for bulletin _____

I will pick up my order after the 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service, Dec. 24th.

Please deliver my order to shut-ins.

Recipient's Name _____

Recipient's Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

FOR PRAYER

PRAISE!!

**Thank you to PCW for your hospitality,
from the Wyoming Woman's Club**

THIS WEEK

Prayers for all affected by the fires in California

Officers - **Jim Falkenstine**, Elder

Victoria Lentz, Deacon

Church Staff - **Debi Haines**

CANCER

Missy - cancer treatment, Dee Dee Uhle's cousin
Debbie Matthews - breast cancer, friend of Scott
and Sue Ellis

Paul Wilbur - cancer treatment, son of Irv Wilbur

Katie Tharp - 18-year-old, successful treatment

Jackie Foster - blood cancer, Tom Haines' mother

Cindy Robinson - special prayers

Susan Osha - successful treatment

Cynthia Towne - brain tumor treatment

CONTINUED PRAYER

Larry Kleem and his wife Linda - heart issues

Jack and Charlie Henkel, twin nephews of
Ed & Amy - currently in NICU

Baby Hope - successful heart transplant,
friend of Amber Cartwright

Denise Ann Costello-Hooks - a visitor asking
for prayers

Jean Parker - brain tumor

Lorelle Lentz - Recovery after a fall

Barbara Gottling - improved health

Steve & Melinda Greene - healing and spiritual
help

Brian Bonner - Chemo finished, recovery

Shawn - stroke, a friend of John Stickney

Joanne Mayfield-Williams - prayers of healing,
friend of Cheryl Albrecht

Axel - 2-year-old, friend of Jeff Van Fossen

Sara - Lisa Sasson's daughter, diagnosed
with a disease affecting her hip

Doug Hutchens - eye problems

Joyce Leifheit - waiting for a new kidney

William Haines - chronic pain

Toby Mittelstetter - Bill Seale's cousin

Helen Anderson - Bodmann

Paul Bartel - improved health

Our Missionaries - Benadums and Myhres

**Prayers for those who struggle during
the holidays**

Prayers for all with ongoing situations

REMEMBERING

Bob Strom - Please remember the family and
friends of Bob. A memorial service was
held on December 9th.

Michael Boyatt - Michael was a former member
of PCW. Please lift his family and friends
in prayer.

PRAYER SCRIPTURES

Psalm 23:4

*Even though I walk through the darkest
valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff - they comfort me.*

Psalm 46:1

*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.*

John 14:27

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give
to you. I do not give to you as the world
gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.*

PCW EVENTS for THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 - ADVENT 2

- 8 & 11a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**
- 9:00 a.m. **Visions Worship**
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Ed, Founders' Rm.
- 10:10 a.m. JEDI HS/MS Talks, Bell Tower
- 10:15 a.m. Youth Empowered, Downstairs
- 10:15 a.m. Upper Room Class, Rm. 305
- 12:00 p.m. Pastoral Development Team, Parlor
- 4:00 p.m. Valley Christmas/Advent Concert, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. HS Youth Group, Youth Café

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 7:00 p.m. Session, Founders' Room
- 7:45 p.m. Boy Scouts, Cabin Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Parlor
- 9:15 a.m. Prayer Meeting, Library
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Library
- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous, Library
- 7:00 p.m. Labyrinth Walk, Great Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 7:30 a.m. Owen Study Group, Parlor
- 7:30 p.m. Visions Worship Rehearsal, Great Rm.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. Organ Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Alanon Founders' Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 6:15 a.m. Bible Study, Prayer Room

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 9:00 a.m. PB&J Orch. Practice, Music Rm.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 - ADVENT 3

- 8 & 11a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**
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PCW Office Hours:

Monday -Thursday
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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up-to- date calendar of events
on the PCW webpage.*